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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

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FILE NO. **47-2183**

REPORT MADE AT New Orleans, La.	DATE WHEN MADE 7/7/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/4,5,6/44	REPORT MADE BY GEORGE W. SMITH
TITLE JOHN CAESAR GROSSI, was: Jack Grossi, Jack Dale Williams			CHARACTER OF CASE FEDERAL JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT; IMPERSONATION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject, age 16, intercepted by U. S. Maritime Service Intelligence Unit, New Orleans, on 7/4/44 wearing uniform of USMS with insignia of Chief Petty Officer. Subject admits not enrolled in Maritime Service, was never employed on any ship. Subject held temporarily at Third Precinct Police Station, New Orleans. Authorized complaint charging violation Federal Juvenile Delinquency Act and Section 76A, Title 18, U.S.Code, filed before USA, New Orleans, on 7/5/44. Subject pleaded guilty at Commissioner's hearing 7/6/44 and was removed to New Orleans Parish Prison in lieu of \$250.00 bond. U.S. Probation Officer, New Orleans, notified. Bureau advised by teletype 7/5/44. Subject committed to State Home for Boys, New Jersey 3/11/43, was placed on parole and ran away before parole terminated; was apprehended 3/29/44 at Savannah, Ga. for wearing similar uniform but was not prosecuted due to age. Subject in possession of forged identification papers, which he admits preparing for himself, reflecting he was on furlough and had returned from active duty overseas.

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DETAILS:

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This investigation is predicated upon information furnished by Warrant Boatswain WILLIAM H. T. ROBERTS of the U.S. Maritime Service

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Intelligence Unit, Room 1504 Masonic Temple Building. The complainant advised that at 10:30 P.M., July 4, 1944, that he had intercepted one JACK DALE WILLIAMS who was dressed in a blue naval type uniform and wearing a U. S. Maritime Service insignia on the right sleeve and insignia of a chief petty officer with the letters "USMS" on the left sleeve. Subject claimed that he was born August 5, 1927 in Paterson, New Jersey, although an identification card which was in his possession showed him to be nineteen years old. Upon authority of Assistant United States Attorney JOHN N. MCKAY subject was held in jail pending verification of his age.

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O. MICHAEL SMASAL,
GEORGE W. SMITH,
Special Agents
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New Orleans, Louisiana

Subject was interviewed at the Third Precinct Police Station where he was held overnight, and he gave the following signed statement:

New Orleans, La.
July 5, 1944

I, JOHN C. GROSSI, make the following statement to Special Agents O. MICHAEL SMASAL and GEORGE W. SMITH of the FBI. I understand that I am not required to make any statement and I do so voluntarily knowing it may be used against me.

My home is 268 17th Avenue, Patterson, N. J. Since March 1944, I have been traveling. I have been wearing a navy blue uniform with a sailor's cap and neckerchief most of the time since March 1944. While in Jacksonville, Florida, I bought a U. S. M. S. insignia which I wore on the right sleeve of my uniform. I also purchased a Chief Petty Officer's insignia with 'USMS' above it which I wore on my left sleeve.

I am not a member of the armed forces of the United States and am not enrolled in the U. S. Maritime Service and I have never worked on a ship in the merchant marine. I have been using the name JACK DALE WILLIAMS.

I have read the above statement consisting of this and one other page, and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

/s/

John C. Grossi

Witnesses:

O. Michael Smasal, Spec. Agent, FBI
George W. Smith, Spec. Agent, FBI

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The original of the above statement is being retained in the file of the New Orleans Field Division.

Subject advised that his true name is JOHN CAESAR GROSSI and he has used the names JACK GROSSI and JACK DALE WILLIAMS. He stated he was born August 5, 1927 at Paterson, New Jersey and this fact was verified by teletype from the Newark Field Division dated July 5, 1944.

GROSSI advised that his mother is Mrs. ROSE GROSSI, residing at 268 17th Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey; his father is JOHN GROSSI, now in the Army and divorced from his mother. He has run away from home several times in the past and was, therefore, placed in a foster home with Mr. and Mrs. JOE LEONARD, 115 Dixon Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey where he lived from November 1942 to March 1943. He ran away from his foster home and was placed in the State Home for Boys in New Jersey in March 1943. He was there a short time when he was placed on parole in order to work at Adrian's Diner in Cranbury, New Jersey. He ran away from this employment in March 1944, shortly before his parole was to be terminated. He thereafter traveled throughout the southeastern part of the country on a bus, going through Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., Raleigh, N. C., Charleston, S.C., and Savannah, Georgia. In Savannah he stated he was arrested by the FBI for wearing the Maritime Service uniform. He said he was wearing the blue uniform with Maritime Service insignia on the sleeve and a white sailor's hat with a neckerchief. This uniform had previously belonged to his brother, ALBERT GEORGE GROSSI, who was formerly in the Merchant Marine, and who is now in the U. S. Army. He was not prosecuted in Savannah due to his age but stated that he was instructed to return to his home in Paterson, N.J. Instead of returning home, he traveled by bus to Jacksonville, Florida, where he purchased a U. S. Maritime Service insignia which he wore on his right sleeve and also the Chief Petty Officer's insignia which he placed on his left sleeve. He wore this uniform most of the time during his travels.

Subject was found to be in possession of an identification card in the name of JACK DALE WILLIAMS, 268 17th Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey, employed by U. S. Maritime Service, Social Security No. 577-24-7831. This card bore the serial NO. 1605-623. He advised he purchased this blank card in a store in Jacksonville and filled it in himself. GROSSI also possessed two typewritten statements which he admitted preparing on a typewriter and to which he affixed signatures of persons unknown to him. These are as follows:

UNITED STATES MARITIME SERVICE
SHEEPSHEAD TRAINING AND RECEIVING CENTER
SHEEPSHEAD BAY, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, N. Y.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO INTRODUCE MACHINIST'S MATE C.P.O.
JACK DALE WILLIAMS AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE.
SEAMAN WILLIAMS HAS JUST RETURNED FROM OVERSEAS AND HAS THE PROPER
IDENTIFICATION AND OTHER PERSONAL DATA AS INDICATED BELOW:

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FULL NAME: JACK DALE WILLIAMS
GIVEN NAME: JACK DALE WILLIAMS
FATHER'S NAME: JACK ALBERT WILLIAMS
MOTHER'S NAME: ROSE WILLIAMS
PLACE OF BIRTH: PATERSON, N.J.
DATE OF BIRTH: AUGUST 5, 1925 A.D.
RELIGION: CATHOLIC (R.C.)
MARRIED: NO
DEPENDENTS: NONE
PRESENT ADDRESS: 268 17th AVE.
HEIGHT: 5'8 1/2" tall
WEIGHT: 140
HAIR: AUBURN
EYES: GREEN
SCARS (4) (T.P.) LEFT HAND
BIRTH MARKS: NONE

IF ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED, NOTIFY U. S. MARITIME
COMMISSION, FRED F. FRENCH BUILDING, 2130 FIFTH AVE. NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

SINCERELY,

/s/ _____
CAPTAIN MATHEW W. MADDOX
COMMANDING OFFICER

/s/ _____
ENSIGN ROBERT C. CROWLEY "

"
UNITED STATES MARITIME SERVICE
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BEEN GIVEN A TWENTY-ONE (21) DAY LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM HIS DUTIES.
THIS IS EFFECTIVE BEGINNING JULY FIRST UP TO AND INCLUDING JULY 22,
1944. THANKING YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONSIDERATION, I AM SINCERELY,

/s/ _____
CAPT. FREDERICK A. FITCH
COMMANDING OFFICER

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/s/ _____
ENSIGN VICTOR H. HALL

TO THE SEAMAN:

WHILE ON FURLOUGH YOU WILL BE OBSERVED BY CIVILIANS WHO WILL JUDGE THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE BY YOUR APPEARANCE AND CONDUCT AS AN INDIVIDUAL. FAILURE ON YOUR PART TO CONFORM TO REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO WEARING YOUR UNIFORM AND TO LIVE UP TO THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE SERVICE WILL RESULT IN UNFAVORABLE CRITICISM OF YOUR MARITIME SERVICE, YOUR ORGANIZATION, AND YOURSELF.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE ABOVE STATEMENT AND AM FAMILIAR WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPHS 1 TO 59 OF THE SEAMAN'S HANDBOOK (F.M. 21-100).

/s/ _____
JACK DALE WILLIAMS
SIGNATURE "

The originals of the above are being retained in the New Orleans file.

GROSSI also possessed a statement written in longhand upon the letterhead of the Bristol Hotel, Miami, Florida, which reads as follows:

"TO SEAMAN WILLIAMS:

Unnecessary to report to ship until April 28, '44. Ship still in dry dock.

Sincerely,

/s/ _____
Capt, F. A. Fitch "

Subject stated that he had never used these identification papers or his uniform to gain anything of value but he had been stopped by a naval shore patrol at a place he did not remember and was released on the basis of these identification papers.

PROSECUTIVE ACTION

Assistant United States Attorney JOHN N. MCKAY authorized holding subject on the night of July 4, 1944. He was, accordingly, placed at the Third Precinct Police Station. On July 5, 1944 Assistant United States Attorney JOHN N. MCKAY authorized prosecution and a complaint was filed before

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United States Commissioner REGINALD H. CARTER, JR. charging violation of the Federal Juvenile Delinquency Act and Section 76A, Title 18, U. S. Code, in that subject had worn the uniform of a Chief Petty Officer in the U. S. Maritime Service. At a Commissioner's hearing on July 6, 1944 subject pleaded guilty, bond was fixed at \$250.00 and he was incarcerated in the New Orleans Parish Prison in lieu of bond.

CRIMINAL RECORD

By teletype dated July 5, 1944 the Newark Field Division advised that subject had been in numerous difficulties around Paterson, New Jersey and became a ward of the state and was committed to the State Home for Boys on March 11, 1943. He was released on parole to be employed at Cranbury, New Jersey but ran away from his employer, taking \$38.00 of his employer's funds. His mother and father are divorced and both have local police records. Subject's brother has a police record and subject's sister is of low moral character.

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The facts of instant case were made known to United States Probation Officer PAUL SEIDLER. The Bureau was also advised by teletype dated July 5, 1944.

GROSSI was in possession of a silver plated bracelet which he said he bought in a department store in Miami, Florida. This bracelet was engraved with the name "JACK DALE WILLIAMS, USMS, 1605-623". Subject declared that he financed his travels by selling a number of War Bonds which he had previously purchased while working at Adrian's Diner. He said these bonds amounted to about \$200.00. He said he also had pawned various of his belongings in order to obtain money for traveling. He was in possession of three pawn tickets which reflect that on May 30, 1944 he pawned a watch for \$5.00 at the Dixie Loan Company, 319 Broughton Street, East, Savannah, Georgia, ticket No. 57677. On June 19, 1944 he pawned a phonograph for \$15.00 at Sutker's Pawn Shop, 355 W. Broad Street, Savannah, Georgia, ticket No. A5089. He asserted this phonograph was a small portable machine which belonged to him and which he brought with him from Cranbury, New Jersey. On June 20, 1944 he pawned a clarinet for \$10.00 at the American Pawn Shop, 438 W. Broad Street, Savannah, Georgia, ticket No. 80518. He stated this was his own instrument and he played the clarinet slightly.

The originals of the above pawn tickets are being retained in the New Orleans file.

The following description of the subject was obtained from observation and interview:

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Name	JOHN CAESAR GROSSI, WAS
Born	August 5, 1927, Paterson, New Jersey
Height	5'8"
Weight	140 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Green
Scars	3/4" cut scar back of left hand
Social Security	577-24-7831
Home Address	268 17th Avenue, Paterson, N.J.
Picture	A small picture of the subject was obtained from him and is being retained in the file.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SAVANNAH FIELD DIVISION:

Copies of this report are being forwarded to Savannah inasmuch as subject was previously arrested there for illegal wearing of the uniform.

THE NEWARK FIELD DIVISION:

A teletype lead was set out on July 4, 1944 to contact subject's mother and verify subject's age.

THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD DIVISION:

AT NEW ORLEANS - Will follow and report prosecutive action.

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